GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO - SINO BORDER TALKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of the Indo-Sino Joint Working Group on boundary question held so far to solve the border dispute between the two countries;

(b) the results achieved so far through these meetings; and

(c) the issues which are yet to be resolved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a): The India-China Joint Working Group on the Boundary Question has met thirteen times.

(b)-(c): India and China seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through peaceful consultations. We signed an agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas in 1993 and a second agreement on Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas in 1996.These two Agreements provide an institutional framework for the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas. The maps of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Middle Sector have been exchanged. Both sides have agreed to expedite the process of LAC clarification within existing mechanisms.